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SUBJECT: SOMALI AMBASSADOR COMMENTS ON SOMALI-KENYAN BORDER CLASH

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1. SOMALI AMBASSADOR TO KENYA DUALEH MET AT HIS REQUEST WITH DCM ON JULY 1 TO GIVE HIS VIEWS ON RECENT CLASH BETWEEN KENYA ARMED FORCES AND SOMALI SHIFTAS IN NORTHEASTERN KENYA. WHILE ACKNOW-LEDGING THAT INCIDENT PROBABLY DID OCCUR APPROXIMATELY AS REPORTED BY KENYANS, HE SAID KENYAN PRESS REPORTS REGARDING SIZE OF SHIFTA FORCE PROBABLY VASTLY EXAGGERATED. DUALEH OPINED THAT OPERATION IN KENYAN TERRITORY PROBABLY NOT FULLY CONTROLLED BY MOGADISCIO, AND NOTED THAT, AS FORMER MILITARY MAN, HE PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH SOMALI SHIFTAS AND REGULAR MILITARY OFFICERS WHO WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE REVENGE AGAINST KENYANS FOR ATROCITIES LATTER ALLEGEDLY SECRET

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COMMITTED AGAINST SOMALIS DURING THE 1963-67 SHIFTA WAR BETWEEN TWO COUNTIRES.

2. DUALEH SAID MOST RECENT SHIFTA OPERATIONS THROUGH KENYA WERE PROBABLY PART OF MUCH LARGER SOMALIA-SUPPORTED SHIFTA OPERATION AGAINST ETHIOPIA MOTIVATED BY SOMALI APPREHENSIONS RESULTING FROM RECENT SOVIET PROMISES OF LARGE-SCALE MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO

EHTIOPIA. HE SAID RECENT PUBLIC APPEARANCE IN ADDIS OF LARGE, WELL-ARMED AND UNIFORMED ETHIOPIAN MILITIA FORCE HAD PARTICULARLY ALARMED SOMALIA. STATING THAT IT WAS CLEARLY NOT IN MOGADISCIO'S INTEREST TO ANTAGONIZE KENYA AT THIS TIME, HE REITERATED THAT MILITARY INCIDENTS INVOLVING KENYA MOST CERTAINLY UNINTENDED BY MOGADISCIO AND PROBABLY FAULT OF LOCAL SHIFTA COMMANDERS. DUALEH SAID THAT HE HAD PROPOSED TO KENYAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS JOINT SOMALI-KENYAN INVESTIGATION OF AREA WHERE INCIDENTS HAVE REPORTEDLY OCCURRED, BUT THAT KENYAN GOVERNMENT HAD SHOWN NO INTEREST IN HIS PROPOSAL. LE MELLE

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